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Dear Ms. Stenger:

Thank you for your letter dated September 22, 2011, concerning the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (Region 6) efforts to move forward with listing of the Jackpile/Paguate Mine Site on the National Priorities List. Because this is not a Federal facility, the Department of the Interior has no position regarding this proposed listing. Our decision is based on the fact that the site is not on land managed by the Department, and the Department does not have delegated authority under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act to respond to hazardous substance releases at the Site.

We appreciate EPA's collaboration with the Department and bureaus in evaluating the releases at this Site. It is our intent to continue to support EPA in the future as you move forward at the Site. If you have any questions, please contact me at 505-563-3572 or by email at stephen_spencer@ios.doi.gov.

Sincerely.

Stephen R. Spencer

Regional Environmental Officer

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